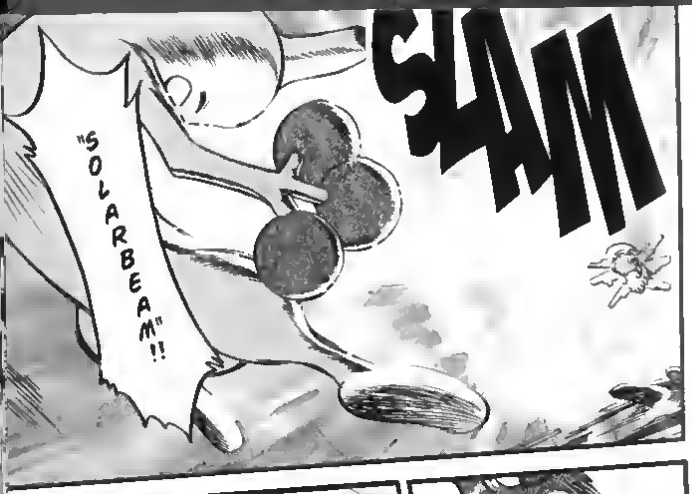
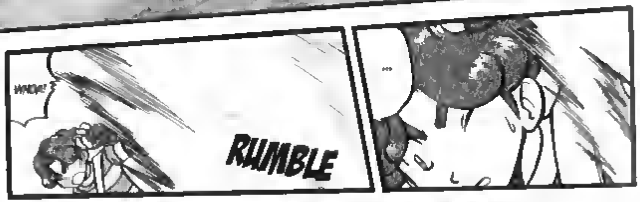
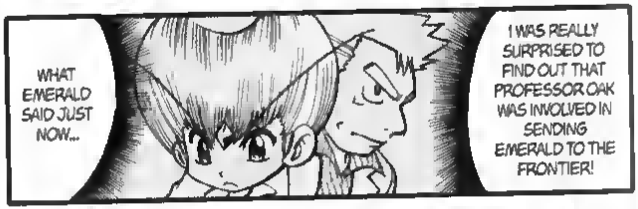
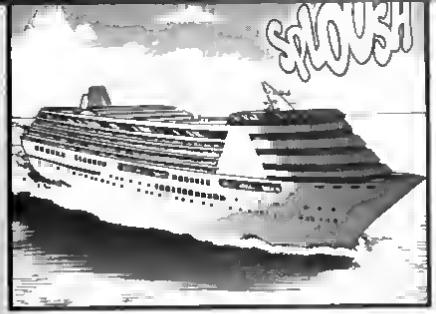

SLAM
"SOLARBEAM"!!


WHOA!?
RUMBLE
...


WHAT EMERALD SAID JUST NOW...
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT PROFESSOR OAK WAS INVOLVED IN SENDING EMERALD TO THE FRONTIER!

BUT...
...WHAT WISH DOES PROFESSOR OAK WANT JIRACHI TO GRANT HIM?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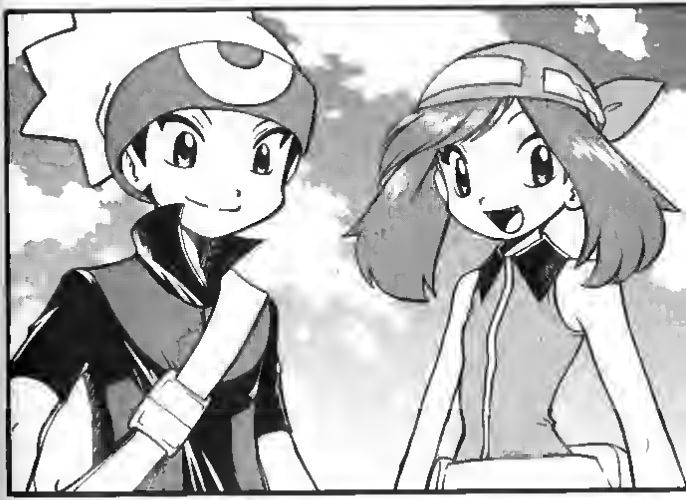
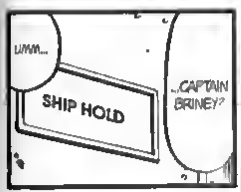
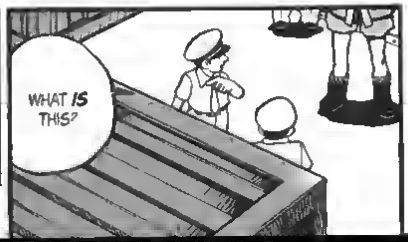
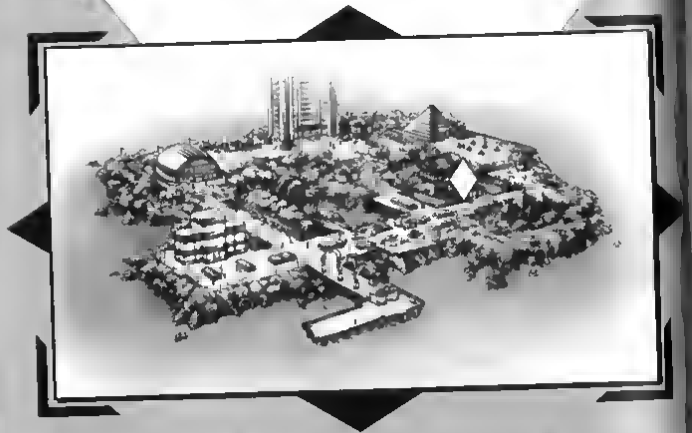



UMM...
SHIP HOLD
...CAPTAIN BRINEY?

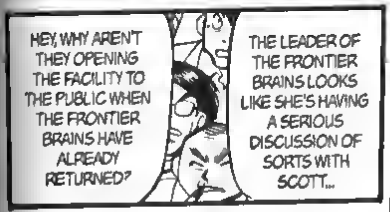

WHAT IS THIS?

TIS THE FIVE STONE STATUES, AYE!
WE'RE GONNA BE FERRYIN THEM TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER'S BATTLE TOWER AFTER THE WEDDIN' CEREMONY TOMORROW!
CAPTAIN, PLEASE WEAR YOUR UNIFORM
THE STONE STATUES? WHATEVER FOR?
DON'T KNOW! I'M ONLY TRANSPORTIN' THEM! A MAN OF THE SEA MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS!
BE CAREFUL WITH 'EM, Y'HEAR? WE'RE PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTERS! I DON'T WANNA BE SEEIN' NO SINGLE SCRATCH ON 'EM!
SAY, WHAT UNIFORM?
AYE, SIR!
ALRIGHT, THEN...!
SHEEK-SHEEK
TO BE CONTINUED...

VS. SHEDINJA



POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD


HEY, WHY AREN'T THEY OPENING THE FACILITY TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE ALREADY RETURNED?
THE LEADER OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF SORTS WITH SCOTT...

BOO!
HAVE NO FEAR, PEOPLE!
THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR POKÉMON TRAINING TOGETHER JUST NOW...
...IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO BATTLE GLORIOUSLY BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES!
WE WERE SO ENGROSSED THAT WE LOST TRACK OF TIME AND COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT GROOMING OURSELVES!
WE SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR BEING SO INDECOROUS
HOWEVER! OUR TRAINING HAS YIELDED RESULTS THAT WILL DOUBTLESSLY SATISFY ALL OF YOU!
...T-THAT'S RIGHT!
PLEASE, STEP RIGHT IN, EVERYBODY!
AS WE'VE ANNOUNCED, GRETA WILL BE TAKING ON THE CHALLENGER TODAY, AND BOY DOES SHE PACK A PUNCH!
BANG
CHALLENGER EMBARKS!

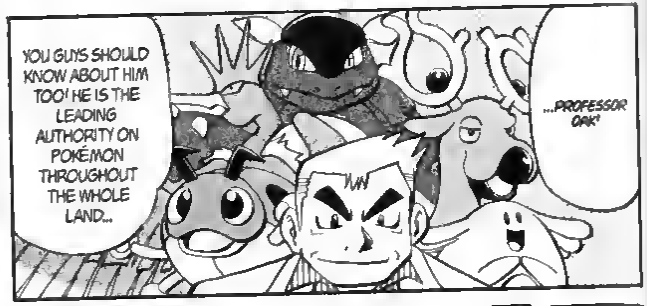
...WILL DO BATTLE AGAINST ARENA TYCOON GRETA TODAY!
IT'S NON-STOP POKÉMON BATTLING TIME!!
THANKS TO TUCKER AND GRETA'S QUICK THINKING, THE REPORTERS DIDN'T PRESS THE ISSUE THIS TIME...
BUT ANABEL AND SCOTT ARE STILL...

OWNER...
PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTION!
HMM... YOU ASKED IF I WAS JUST ACTING LIKE I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING...
...EVEN THOUGH I ACTUALLY KNEW EVERYTHING?
YOU ARE...
...ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!!
WOW
HOWEVER DID YOU FIGURE IT OUT, ANABEL?
I-I JUST HAD A FEELING...!! THERE'S NO OTHER REASON!
OH, YOU!
BUT THEN AGAIN...
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEEM SURPRISED WHEN WE TOLD YOU WE WERE GOING TO ARTISAN CAVE, NOR WERE YOU SHOCKED THAT WE CAME BACK INJURED!
DIDN'T SEEM SURPRISED?
AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT! WHY, SCOTT?!

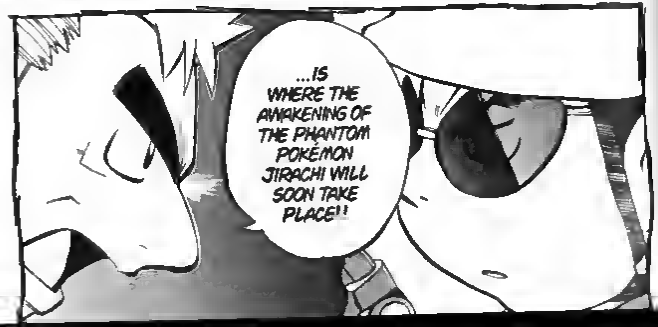
I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED YOU GUYS TO GET STRONGER!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

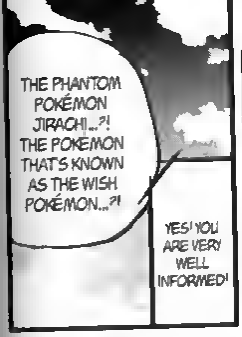
KEY
THAT'S RIGHT! I GET STRONGER!
IT ALL STARTED...
...WITH THIS REPORT.
THIS IS A COMPILATION OF STORIES ABOUT JIRACHI PASSED DOWN FROM ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO - THE LAST TIME IT WAS EVER SEEN BY ANYONE!
IT CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT JIRACHI, FROM ITS AWAKENING TO ITS SLUMBER.
ADDITIONALLY, THOSE PEOPLE EVEN SPOKE ABOUT THE LOCATION OF JIRACHI'S NEXT AWAKENING!

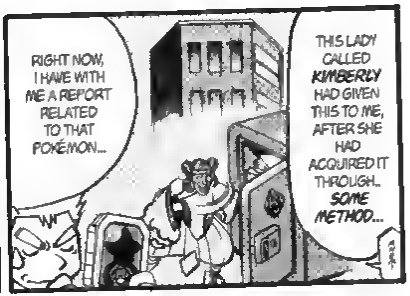
STORIES ABOUT JIRACHI PASSED DOWN FROM ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO...?!
INDEED!
A CERTAIN PROFESSOR THEN ANALYZED THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT AND WAS ABLE TO PINPOINT THE EXACT DAY OF JIRACHI'S AWAKENING!


YOU GUYS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HIM TOO! HE IS THE LEADING AUTHORITY ON POKÉMON THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LAND...
...PROFESSOR OAK!

I KNEW ABOUT THIS BECAUSE PROFESSOR OAK CONTACTED ME ABOUT IT ONE DAY..
ARE YOU SCOTT?
I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE LOCATION WHERE YOUR BATTLE FRONTIER FACILITY IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- HOENN B-42-M..


...IS WHERE THE AWAKENING OF THE PHANTOM POKÉMON JIRACHI WILL SOON TAKE PLACE!!


THE PHANTOM POKÉMON JIRACHI...?! THE POKÉMON THAT'S KNOWN AS THE WISH POKÉMON...?!
YES! YOU ARE VERY WELL INFORMED!


RIGHT NOW, I HAVE WITH ME A REPORT RELATED TO THAT POKÉMON...
THIS LADY CALLED KIMBERLY HAD GIVEN THIS TO ME, AFTER SHE HAD ACQUIRED IT THROUGH... SOME METHOD...

PROFESSOR OAK...
...WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT JIRACHI, THEN?

SINCE JIRACHI IS GOING TO AWAKEN HERE SOON...?
...

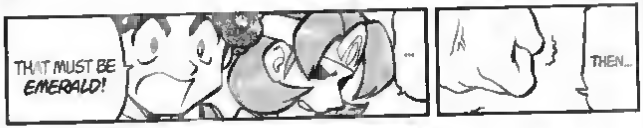
I INTEND TO CAPTURE IT!
I HAVE A WISH THAT IS SO DIFFICULT TO FULFILL...
..THAT THE ONLY WAY I CAN ACHIEVE IT IS BY ASKING JIRACHI TO GRANT IT TO ME!

OH, I DON'T MIND AT ALL! GO AHEAD AND JUST CAPTURE IT, THEN!
EVERYBODY IS WELCOMED AT THE FRONTIER!

THANK YOU!
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

IT WOULD SEEM I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS MY EYE ON JIRACHI...!
SOMEONE BROKE INTO MY LABORATORY YESTERDAY NIGHT...
...AND STOLE ALL THE DATA WRITTEN IN THE REPORT ABOUT JIRACHI!
MY WORD!
MY POKÉMON THAT TRIED TO STOP HIM WERE ALL GRAVELY INJURED IN THE EVENT!
MUCH OF WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE REPORT IS MADE UP OF NOTES IN AN ANCIENT LANGUAGE, AND I HAVE YET TO DECIPHER ALL OF IT.
THANKFULLY, THE DISC THAT WAS STOLEN ONLY CONTAINED THE BITS THAT WERE ALREADY DECIPHERED...
EVEN SO, THE OPPONENT ALREADY KNOWS THE LOCATION AND EXACT DATE OF JIRACHI'S AWAKENING!
IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL GO TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER IN ORDER TO CAPTURE JIRACHI!
BATTLE
BATTLE
CLONK
AND HE WILL AIM FOR THE SEVEN DAYS JIRACHI WILL BE AWAKE, BETWEEN JULY THE FIRST TO JULY THE SEVENTH!
THAT MUST BE THE ARMORED MAN.
THAT'S RIGHT.
...COINCIDED PERFECTLY WITH THE SEVEN-DAY PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER
AND THE DATES THAT PROFESSOR OAK DECIPHERED FROM THE REPORT...
PROFESSOR OAK WAS WORRIED THAT THE PRESS MAY GET DRAGGED INTO THIS MESS...
I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF YOU POSTPONED THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FRONTIER...?
NO!
THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS MY DREAM!
CLANG CLANG CLANG
I WILL HOLD THE OPENING CEREMONY AS PLANNED.
EVEN IF ANYBODY SHOULD ATTACK THE FRONTIER IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...
...I HAVE WITH ME SEVEN STRONG TRAINERS, THE FRONTIER BRAINS!
I'M SURE THAT THE SEVEN OF THEM WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY!

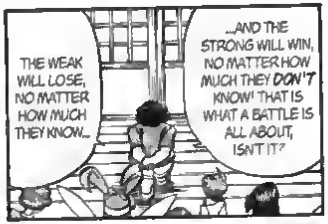
...
ALL RIGHT.
I'LL LEAVE THE ENEMY TO YOUR FRONTIER BRAINS, THEN.
AND ON MY SIDE, I WILL BE SENDING A "POKEDEX OWNER" THAT I HAVE CHOSEN..
...TO THE FRONTIER, IN ORDER TO CAPTURE JIRACHI. IF THAT IS ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
IT'S FINE BY ME.


THAT MUST BE EMERALD!
...
THEN...

...WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US ABOUT IT?!
IF WE HAD KNOWN ABOUT THIS BEFOREHAND, WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE THE SITUATION MORE EFFECTIVELY!!
NO! AND WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT!!
YOU REALLY THINK SO?

LET ME ASK YOU, THEN...
IF YOU HAD KNOWN ABOUT ALL THIS BEFOREHAND... WOULD YOU HAVE WON?

THAT'S...
...THAT'S...!


THE WEAK WILL LOSE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY KNOW...
...AND THE STRONG WILL WIN, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY DON'T KNOW! THAT IS WHAT A BATTLE IS ALL ABOUT, ISN'T IT?

SEEMS GRETA'S BATTLE IS ALREADY UNDERWAY...
SLIDE
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS DECIDED TO ACKNOWLEDGE EMERALD'S ABILITIES AFTER WHAT SHE SAW AT ARTISAN CAVE, BY TAKING HIM ON IMMEDIATELY!

GO!!
SCEPTILE! "LEAF BLADE"!!

RACK
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
JUMP
BANG
BANG
BANG
SMA
SH
THUMP

EMERALD IS GIVING THIS BATTLE HIS BEST SHOT, AS USUAL!
HE'S HOLDING HIS GROUND AGAINST GRETA! IN FACT, HE'S NOT GIVING HER ANY ROOM TO BREATHE!
SLAAAAM
HE IS A CHALLENGER WHO HAS CONQUERED THE BATTLE FACTORY, PIKE AND PYRAMID.
THERE WERE NO SURPRISE ATTACKS IN HIS BATTLES. ALL OF YOU FOUGHT AGAINST HIM KNOWINGLY.
AM I RIGHT, BRANDON? LUCY?
YES...
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY IN REPLY TO THAT, SCOTT
DO YOU THINK THAT I'M NOT FEELING FRUSTRATED THAT NOLAND WAS ATTACKED LIKE THAT?
BUT, HAD HE BEEN STRONGER, THINGS MAY HAVE TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY.

BY TOMORROW, THE ENEMY ONLY HAS THREE EVILS LEFT TO CARRY OUT HIS DIRGE.
AGH! WHAT IF... YOU ALL WERE TO FACE HIM AGAIN...
TIME TYME...
...I'LL INSIST HIM FOR SURE!!
RIGHT! THAT IS WHY THE LOT OF YOU NEED TO GET STRONGER, TO THAT END!
WHEN EMERALD NEXT TAKES ON THE DOME, PALACE AND TOWER FACILITIES, IT WILL CERTAINLY SERVE AS GOOD TRAINING...
...FOR YOU!!
HEH HEH! SO WE'RE THE ONES WHO'VE BECOME THE CHALLENGERS INSTEAD, H.H...
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, SCOTT!
WHEN THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS OFFICIALLY OPENED TO THE PUBLIC, WE'RE SURE TO HAVE MANY VISITORS IN ORDER FOR US TO BE ABLE TO STAND PROUDLY BEFORE OUR FACILITIES WHEN THAT TIME COMES...
...WE MUST OVERCOME THIS ORDEAL AT ALL COST!
WELL SAID!!
GO, GREN!!
FIGHT HIM WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT AND GET BETTER!!
RIGHT ON!
I HEAR YA!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
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STRUGGLE

"MEGAHORN"!!!
TOSS
THUD
HERACROSS' "MEGAHORN" MANAGED TO HIT IT!
DID SHE WIN?!
NO! EMERALD'S SCEPTILE IS STILL ABLE TO STAND!
BOOYAH
BOTH PARTIES HAVE FINISHED THREE TURNS!
BECAUSE NO VICTOR IS APPARENT...
...I WILL NOW ASSESS THE BATTLE AND HAND OUT SCORES!
FLICKER
ASSESS...? IS THAT THE RULE OF THIS FACILITY?
I WILL ASSESS BOTH PARTIES BASED ON MIND, SKILL, AND BODY!
THE RESULTS...
A TOTAL SCORE OF FIVE AGAINST ONE!
ARENA TYCOON
CHALLENGER
心
技
体
5
1
BAM
ARENA TYCOON GRETA'S HERACROSS WINS!
YOU DID IT, GRETA!!
YAY!
WE WILL NOW HAVE A FIVE MINUTES INTERVAL..
EMERALD, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
HUH?
HOW DO YOU FEEL?! AREN'T YOU WORN OUT, CHALLENGING THE BATTLE ARENA IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR FIGHT WITH GUILE?
WELL, SHE'S NO BETTER OFF, SO...
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
HUH?

EMERALD... ARE THOSE THREE THE POKÉMON YOU BROUGHT ALONG FOR THE CHALLENGE...?
SNUGGLE
SNUGGLE
YEAH... THEY'RE KINDA ATTACHED TO ME FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, SO...
BUT OH WELL
YEAH, THEY'RE REALLY FOND OF YOU ... THEY PROTECTED YOU BACK AT ARTISAN CAVE, TOO...
WTB'RAL'S OVER!
CHEER
LET THE ARENA MATCH RESUME!

THIS IS THE BATTLE ARENA
A PLACE WHERE YOU HAVE NON-STOP 3-ON-3 POKÉMON BATTLING!
IN EMERALD'S MATCH AGAINST ARENA TYCOON GRETA
HE LOST THE SCEPTILE IN THE FIRST ROUND AND IS CURRENTLY BATTLING AGAINST THE HERACROSS WITH DUSCLOPS IN THE SECOND ROUND
DUSCLOPS! USE "PSYCHIC"!
SMACK
GOOD GOING! THAT'S ITS WEAK SPOT!!
IT HAD A GOOD EFFECT, SO YOU'LL SCORE HIGH MARKS ON "SKILL"
THAT'S NOT ALL!

IT WAS AN ATTACK SKILL, SO MY "MIND" SCORE WILL BE HIGH AS WELL! AND SINCE IT REDUCED THE OPPONENT'S HEALTH POINTS, MY "BODY" SCORE SHOULD GO UP, TOO!
ON THE OTHER HAND, NO MATTER HOW GOOD HERACROSS IS WITH FIGHT-TYPE SKILLS...
...NONE OF IT WILL WORK ON DUSCLOPS... A GHOST-TYPE POKÉMON!
EACH SIDE HAS FINISHED USING UP THREE TURNS!
RULE BOOK
IT'S JUDGING TIME AGAIN!
"THAT'S RIGHT! IN THE ARENA, IF NO WINNER IS APPARENT AFTER THREE TURNS, THE BATTLE WILL BE ASSESSED.
THEY WILL BE SCORED BASED ON THEIR "MIND," "SKILL," AND "BODY."
THE "MIND" SCORE IS BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF ATTACKS THAT WERE EXECUTED. IF YOU DEFEND ALL THE TIME, YOU WILL BE JUDGED A "WEAKLING."
"SKILL" IS EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS. A SCORE THAT IS BASED ON HOW EFFECTIVELY THE POKÉMON EXECUTED ITS SKILLS.
AS FOR "BODY", IT IS A SCORE THAT IS BASED ON HOW MUCH VITALITY THE POKÉMON LOST DURING THE COURSE OF THE BATTLE.
YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE SEQUENCE OF THE POKÉMON YOU BRING ALONG FOR THE BATTLE, BUT...
...EVEN IF YOU BUMP INTO A POKÉMON OF AN OPPOSING TYPE, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE TO WIN BECAUSE OF HOW THE BATTLE IS SCORED. I WONDER WHO WILL WIN THIS SECOND ROUND...?
TOTAL SCORE OF 5 VS. 2!
5
2
CHALLENGER EMERALD'S DUSCLOPS WINS!!
YES!! DUSCLOPS HAS WON THIS ROUND!!
COME ON OUT, UMBREON!!
GRETA'S SECOND POKÉMON IS...
BOOM

IT'S HER FAVORITE POKÉMON, THE ONE SHE USED IN ARTISAN CAVE!
AND...
THE TYPE-MATCHUP IS NOW IN GRETA'S FAVOR!
THE DARK-TYPE UMBREON DEFINITELY HAS AN ADVANTAGE OVER DUSCLOPS!!
SMACK
"FAINT ATTACK"!
COUNTER ATTACK, DUSCLOPS!
"WILL-O-WISP"!!
POOOOF
"CONFUSE RAY"!!
AWWWWWH

OH DEAR! DUSCLOPS IS NOW "CONFUSED" IN ADDITION TO BEING AT A DISADVANTAGE!
BUMP
BUMP
SPIN
SPIN
HAH HAH! THAT THING WON'T LAST TILL THE ASSESSMENT!
TOTAL SCORE OF FIVE VS. ONE! ARENA TYCOON GRETA'S UMBREON WINS!!
FAINT
THREE TURNS ISN'T A VERY LONG TIME...
GRETA'S UMBREON WINS THIS ROUND, AND EMERALD ONLY HAS ONE LAST POKÉMON LEFT!
SUDOWOODO!!
POOF
UMBREON?!
DUSCLOPS' "WILL-O-WISP" HAD INFLICTED A "BURN" STATUS EFFECT ON YOU?!
I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO REGAIN SOME VITALITY BY EATING YOUR "LEFTOVERS", BUT...
CHEW CHEW

I'M NOT GONNA BE LOSING ALL THE TIME YEAH?
FINISH IT OFF!
"LOW KICK"!!
SMACK
TOTAL SCORE OF 2 VS. 1
CHALLENGER SWORDS 275 SLOWKING 0 WINS!
NOW THEY'RE BOTH DOWN TO THEIR FINAL POKEMON! WHAT'S GRETA'S LAST POKEMON...?
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!
A SHEDINJA?!
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT HOW WEAK A SHEDINJA IS, AREN'T YOU?

BECAUSE OF ITS ABILITY "WONDER GUARD", THERE ARE VERY FEW SKILLS THAT CAN TOUCH SHEDINJA.
I KNOW THAT, KOMEIJI...
SLOWKING'S A POKEMON THAT'S ABLE TO USE ONE OF THOSE "RESTORATION SKILLS" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
THUD THUD THUD
WHUMM
"ROCK SLIDE"!!
BAM
IT'S "ENDURE"!! BUT BY USING A DEFENSIVE MOVE, HER "MIND" SCORE WILL BE LOWER! THE FACT THAT SHE'S USING IT DESPITE THAT...
YOU'VE GOT IT! WE CAN'T LET THE FINAL ROUND END WITH AN ASSESSMENT!!
WE'RE GONNA CLASH UNTIL SOMEONE BITES THE DUST!!